

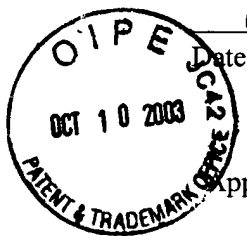
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal and
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Attorney Docket No. : 500453.04 (29113/US/3)

Serial No. : 09/970,100

Group Art Unit : 1762

Filed : October 2, 2001

Examiner : William P. Fletcher III

Title : POLISHING PADS AND PLANARIZING MACHINES FOR MECHANICAL OR
CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE
SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES, AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SUCH
PADS AND MACHINES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2003 from September 23, 2003, to October 23, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$880.00, which includes \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.
- b. ☒ Submission enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- ☒ Postcard
☒ Check
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
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4. Deposit Account

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishnu K. Agarwal

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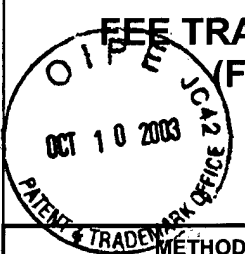
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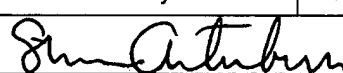
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